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Coming Soon!
January 2005
South Jordan Leisure, Aquatic and Fitness Center
10886 S. Redwood Road
 72,000 sq. ft. facility

Hours of Operation:
 Monday thru Friday 5:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 Saturday 6:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Closed Sunday



Pool:

Leisure Pool (largest indoor pool in Utah)
 Children's Play Area
 Water Slide
 Lazy River Current Channel
 Vortex Play Area (water revolves in a whirlpool action)
 2 Lap Lanes
 Deep Water Aerobics Area
 Many Water Play Structures throughout the Leisure Pool

Gymnasiums:

1 Large Gymnasium
 2 Full Court Basketball Courts

Auxiliary Gymnasium:

1 Full Court Basketball Court

Rooms:

1 Dance Studio
 1 Aerobics Room
 Party Room

Cardio Area:

Treadmills
 Recumbent Bikes
 Arc Trainers
 Ellipticals
 Spinning Bikes

Strength/Conditioning Area:

Selectorized Strength Equipment
 Free Weights

Indoor Track:

Walking/Running
 Approx. 10 laps equals 1 mile

Mulligans Golf & Games

Why wait till spring to tune up your game? There is absolutely no need to ever put your golf clubs to bed for the winter.

We here at Mulligans offer the best heated driving range facility in the state of Utah. No matter the amount of snow, rain, sleet or cold, can shut down the Number 1 driving range around. Open every day of the week 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. We are open all major holidays, except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas, we also offer top of the line golf equipment, gift certificates and multi bucket coupons that will satisfy the wants of any golfer in your family. We also offer some of the best instruction around.

So come on down to Mulligans and never cease to improve your game.

Expiration Date:
 03/31/05

Range Balls
2 for 1

of equal or lesser value

Mulligans Golf & Games
 10600 South 692 West, South Jordan
 801-254-3377



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UTAH'S MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS

Utah's municipalities consistently provide quality services at a fraction of the cost of our national peers. Utah's local tax and fee burden currently ranks 40th in the nation. South Jordan City provides services that, on average, cost only 3/10ths of one percent of the city's average household income.

Utah's local governments provide services visible and unseen that touch people daily and that embody the definition of quality of life. The ten o'clock news seldom heralds the day-to-day quality of such services, but it is undoubtedly a front-line story if one of these services is interrupted or delayed. Municipal government is truly citizen government. The men and women who provide municipal services live and work in local communities. Their children attend school with the children of other citizens. They shop in the same stores, eat at the same restaurants, work in the same businesses, and worship at the same churches as those who entrust them with the mantle of leadership and service. When a new tax is levied, or a service is reduced, local officials have to face the people, pay the same tax, or live with the same service level daily.

Municipal government is all about compromise except when it comes to matters of public health or safety. Not every citizen will get what he or she wants. The wants of some must be weighted against the needs of the many while assuring fiscal responsibility.

There is a price to government. The overall price of government at the federal, state, and local level has averaged between 35 cents and 39 cents per dollar of personal income since 1972. The average cost of municipal government in the state of Utah has averaged between 5 cents and 7 cents per dollar of personal income since 1972. It is at the municipal level that citizen's expectations of government are the highest. It is at the municipal level that citizens receive the greatest bang for their buck. South Jordan is proud of the fact that we have not raised our property tax assessment in over fourteen (14) years. We found ourselves able to reduce the fee assessed for garbage collection and recycling at the beginning of this fiscal year. We further found a way to avoid the projected \$8.00 increase in the water base rate which was anticipated over a year ago to be needed, but since has been eliminated. The compromise, we have to balance the needs of a sustainable community against the tax structure the community is willing to bare.

Our future is not a matter of chance; it's a matter of choice.

Ricky A. Horst, City Manager

Excerpts from "A Hammer, A Square Peg, and A Round Hole," Utah League of Cities and Towns, July 2004
Price of Government Data Source: The Public Strategies Group

Do You Have an Alarm System?

South Jordan Public Safety would like to educate residents and business owners who have alarm systems, of policy changes. South Jordan City requires alarm users to "have on its premises an Alarm User Permit" issued by the City. The City Council adopted a permit fee in July 2003, which is currently \$12.00 a year. The city implemented a software program that enables the City to accurately track alarm permits along with false alarm billings. Alarms are designed to protect lives and property. Properly installed, used and maintained, alarms are a real asset. When misused, they become a liability. Each year, false alarms cost communities millions of dollars and thousands of wasted response hours. A false alarm *is any alarm caused by human error or equipment problems requiring police, fire and/or EMS response, with no evidence of an actual crime, fire or medical incident.* Fees assessed if an alarm system generates a false alarm are: 1st false alarm \$22.00; 2nd false alarm \$32.00; 3rd false alarm \$54.00 and \$54.00 per false alarm over 3 in a calendar year. What can you do to reduce false alarms? Secure doors and windows, make sure everyone is familiar with alarm system operations, be aware of changes in the environment, notify monitoring company of any and all changes, and have equipment routinely inspected and maintained. Permit applications and false alarm ordinance pamphlets are available at City Hall, Public Safety Department. If you have questions or concerns regarding permits or false alarms, please contact South Jordan Public Safety at 254-4708 between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Curb Side Christmas Tree Pick-Up

As a service to the residents of South Jordan City, Public Services will be collecting Christmas trees this year. Trees should not have any decorations, lights, plastic, etc., on them or they will not be picked up. Please have your trees on the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the following dates: January 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Public Services at 253-5230.

WANTED: Designated Drivers!

The holidays are upon us and what an exciting time of year! When many of us see people we don't often have the chance to see, and many of us have the opportunity to show our generous spirits within our families and communities. As we celebrate with our families and friends, the South Jordan Department of Public Safety would like to wish you all a joyous holiday season!

With the celebration of the holidays, we also need to share a reminder of the dangers of this time of year. There will be many holiday parties and gatherings, many of which involve a toast to the upcoming year. The South Jordan Department of Public Safety would like to encourage responsibility in these celebrations. Did you know that in 1999, Utah drivers with Blood Alcohol Content, (BAC) of .10 or more were involved in an estimated 11,800 crashes, which killed 56 people and injured 4,000? * Did you know that in 1999, Utah drivers with a BAC of .10 or less were involved in an estimated 600 crashes that killed 18 people, and injured 600? * Now that's an awful lot of good people being injured needlessly by impaired motorists on our highways. Alcohol related crashes cost Utah citizens over 500 MILLION dollars in 1999*. I bet we can all think of better ways to use those dollars. The South Jordan Department of Public Safety is gravely concerned and is asking for your help in curbing those impaired motorists. Your South Jordan Police officers have arrested 99 DUI drivers this year alone! That is 99 chances of our children and loved ones being injured needlessly by just driving on the road!

Please help us in doing your part to prevent impaired driving. A designated driver, a taxi, a call to a friend or loved one for a ride, or even just an arrangement to stay overnight would be much better alternatives. If you think someone is driving impaired, you would be doing him or her a favor to give us a call so we can make certain no one gets hurt, including themselves. Remember; let's keep our holidays a time of joy and celebration, not a time of painful reflection. To all of the citizens of South Jordan City, have a wonderful and happy holiday season!

* - All statistics were gathered through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Senior Citizen Programs

You are invited to attend our Annual Holiday Buffet.

Christmas Buffet, December 17th at noon, Featuring Harpist Angela Barlow. Christmas Gifts for all, Door Prizes, and more fun!!!
Come join us, reserve your spot today!!! Call 302-1222.



Senior Exercise Programs!! Don't wait for the New Year to start!!! Start Now!!!

Mondays

- 9:00 a.m. Step Up Walking Group
- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing
- 11:00 a.m. Nia Exercise

Wednesdays

- 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, \$2.00
- 11:00 a.m. Exercise

Fridays

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga for Seniors
- 11:00 a.m. Exercise

Any questions call Kari at 302-1222!!

Appreciation Dinner

South Jordan City's Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and Cabinet Staff honored several "All City Team" employees at an appreciation dinner on Thursday, November 4th at the Community Center. The following employees were recognized for their "All Star" work and dedication throughout this past year: Dan Starks, Cary Necaise, Carrie White, Chris Clinger, Jeremy Nielson, Troy Darger, Jeremy Allen, Melanie Edwards, Andy Butler, Lori Day, Van Tran, Dennis Power, and Jennifer Smith.
The following were honorable mentions: Gene Foval, Chris Evans, Kenny Corsi, Aaron Sainsbury, Greg Schindler, and Suzanne Ruark.
We look forward to making this an annual event to recognize those who are rising to the top.

Annual Financial Report

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the City was presented to the Council on December 21, 2004. The report presented relates to the City's operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. The report includes the results of the City's audit by the independent accounting firm of Gilbert & Stewart. The City's CAFR received an unqualified opinion, which means that the auditors found that the general purpose financial statements of the City were presented fairly and in conformance to generally accepted accounting principles. They found no material weakness in internal control and found the City to be in compliance with all state requirements except the City's General fund balance exceeded 18% of the next year's expenditures. This excess has been budgeted to be spent during fiscal year 2005 in support of Capital Improvement Projects.

Several significant items were highlighted for the year. For the seventeenth consecutive year, the City received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is a prestigious award given by the Government Finance Officers Association recognizing conformity with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports. For the year, the City's revenues exceeded expenditures in the General Fund by \$916,436. Sales tax continued to be the largest source of revenue in the General Fund and represents 42% of total general fund revenues. The City currently has no general obligation debt, which is debt related to property tax; and that the City is in sound financial position.



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

November 1 – December 15

Drop off locations are: City Hall, the Community Center
and both Fire Stations. Thank you for your support!

Winter Parking

Now that winter weather is here, there shall not be any vehicles or obstructions on the City streets or public right of ways. If there are, the City will not be able to snow plow or salt the roads.

See our website, www.sjc.utah.gov, for snow removal priorities under City Services/Streets & Water.

A Child's Need

South Jordan Public Safety is accepting Christmas donations for needy children in our community. New factory wrapped toys, coloring books, crayons, blanket sleepers/pajamas and cash/gift cards are greatly needed. Items are being accepted at the South Jordan City Hall, lower level, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information contact South Jordan Public Safety at 254-4708.



HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES

The South Jordan Leisure, Aquatic and Fitness Center opens in January, 2005. Available NOW are Gift Certificates for day, monthly, quarterly or annual passes, to help stay fit in 2005! Visit the South Jordan Community Center at 10778 South Redwood Road, and do your holiday shopping early.

South Jordan City Principal Officials

Elected Officials:

Kent Money, Mayor.....	254-6865
Leona Winger, Council District 1.....	254-7886
Brad Marlor, Council District 2.....	254-8561
Mary Wenner, Council District 3.....	280-9418
Dave Colton, Council District 4.....	446-7174
Ann Gayheart, Council District 5.....	254-1565

Appointed Officials:

Ricky A. Horst, City Manager
Lindsay Shepherd, A.C.M. Public Safety
Gary Whatcott, A.C.M. Community Development
Rob Wall, A.C.M. Public Services
Larry Ipson, Chief Financial Officer
John Geilmann, City Attorney

Important Telephone Numbers:

Animal Control.....	254-3742
BFI	972-4234
Billing.....	254-3742
Chamber of Commerce.....	253-5200
City Administration.....	254-3742
Community Center.....	254-9888
Construction Management.....	253-5230
Development Services	254-1404
Dispatch.....	840-4000
Fire Department.....	254-0948
Help Line.....	446-HELP (4357)
Municipal Court.....	254-6381
Parks.....	253-5230
Police Department.....	254-4708
Public Services.....	253-5230
Recreation.....	254-9888
Senior Citizens Center.....	302-1222
South Valley Sewer District	571-1166
TransJordan Landfill.....	569-8994
Victim Services.....	254-4708